

## Winooski One Fish Lift Update: May 14, 2018

Total Steelhead Lifted: 15 Water Temperature: 52ish degrees

Well, the spring lifting season ended in a bust...literally! The fish hopper broke down ending the season a little early. We usually run at least until the 15<sup>th</sup> of May. The last couple of female steelhead handled were spilling eggs so the run was pretty much over. The lift will have to be dewatered later and repairs made before the fall salmon season.

That's the bad news. The good news is flows have finally allowed the smolt trap to start fishing in the Huntington River. We picked up our first two smolts last week; both with an adipose clip and coded wire tag (fall fingerling stocked). I saved one of these salmon to show kids releasing their own salmon fry. Students from Hunt Middle School and Edmunds Middle School released the salmon they raised from egg in their classrooms. Teachers Lee Slocum Orlando and Matt Chandler have been educating their students on the environment through the Adopt-Salmon-Program. This program introduces students to salmon ecology and the importance of the river ecosystems. Its a good time watching the kids name their salmon, bidding them good bye and then getting wet – always!

